

**GENESEE-LAPEER-SHIAWASSEE REGION V PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Genesee-Lapeer-Shiawassee Region V Planning and Development Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, in Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, on the third floor, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

Chairperson Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. Roll Call**

**Present:** Richard VanHaafte, Derek Bradshaw, Shawnice Dorsey, Jeffrey Kelley, Alan Himelhoch, William Hamilton, Michael Hemmingsen, and Gregory Brodeur

**Absent/Excused:** Joe Massey, Ed Benning, Gabriel Lossing, and Destain Gingell

**Others Present:** Jacob Maurer, Kristofor Garris, and Troy Rosencrants.

**B. Approval of the Minutes of the GLS Region V PDC Regular Meeting held March 26, 2024**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Alan Himelhoch, **Supported by** Richard VanHaafte, to approve the minutes of the GLS Region V PDC regular meeting held March 26, 2024 as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(Documents on file in the GCMPC office)

**C. Approval of the Agenda of GLS Region V PDC Meeting to be held May 28, 2024**

**Motion: Action:** Motion to approve the agenda. **Moved by** Alan Himelhoch, **Supported by** Jeffrey Kelley, to approve the agenda of the GLS Region V PDC meeting to be held May 28, 2024.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(Documents on file with minutes)

**D. Opportunity for the Public to Address the GLS Region V PDC**

No one spoke at this time.

**E. Communications**

Mr. Maurer gave a brief explanation of the communications.

**1. Lapeer County Board of Road Commissioners Appointment**

Mr. Maurer stated that the Lapeer County Road Commission Board of Commissioners have appointed Mr. Michael Hemmingsen as their primary representative, with Destain Gingell serving as the alternate.

**2. DNR MNRTF Application: Land Consolidation**

Mr. Maurer stated that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is applying for grant funds from Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) to secure private properties for the preservation of open space.

### **3. DNR MNRTF Application: Grand Traverse Greenway**

Mr. Maurer stated that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is applying for grant funds from Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) on behalf of the City of Flint for the Grand Traverse Greenway, a non-motorized project that has been underway for about 20 years.

### **4. Mundy Township MNRTF Application**

Mr. Maurer stated that Mundy Township is applying for grant funds from Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) for their Miracle Commons Park, a completely inclusive and accessible play area.

### **5. Burton MNRTF Application**

Mr. Maurer stated that the City of Burton is applying for grant funds from Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) in order to acquire an old golf course property and turn it into a recreation complex.

### **6. Imlay Township Master Plan Notice**

Mr. Maurer stated that Imlay Township has provided notice of intent to update their Master Plan.

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Financial Report**

#### **1. Checks**

Mr. Bradshaw reviewed the checks for the committee. The checks totaled \$24,447.24.

**Motion: Action:** Approve the payment of the checks. **Moved by** Jeffrey Kelley, **Supported by** Richard VanHaften, to approve the checks in the amount of \$24,447.24 and authorize signing by the proper authorities.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(Documents on file with minutes)

#### **2. Year-To-Date Financials 2024**

Mr. Bradshaw reviewed the YTD 2024 Financials for the Committee.

**Motion: Action:** Approve the YTD 2024 Financials. **Moved by** Alan Himelhoch, **Supported by** Jeffrey Kelley, to approve the YTD 2024 Financials.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(Documents on file with minutes)

### **B. 2024 Michigan Transportation Planning Association Conference**

Mr. Maurer stated that annual Michigan Transportation Planning Association Conference. Typically, Genesee County sends staff from the Transportation division to attend the conference. Topics, include but are not limited to, environmental justice, non-traditional funding, micro transit, hazard mitigation, and asset management. In the past, the Region V Planning Commission has sent a representative to the conference.

**Motion: Action:** Approve designation of a representative, if interested, to attend the 2024 MTPA Conference. **Moved by** Michael Hemmingsen, **Supported by** Richard VanHaften, to approve the designation of a representative, if interested, to attend the 2024 MTPA Conference.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(Documents on file with minutes)

### **C. FY 2025 Unified Work Program**

Mr. Maurer stated that the FY 2025 Unified Work Program has been finalized. The total grant funding is the same as last year's allocation. The presentation was updated to

make it clearer, otherwise the only changes were minor additional requirements from the State of Michigan. There is anticipated to be a pilot study to determine the level of service provided by the regions, with the potential for increased allocations in the future. For this year's UWP, grant funding is equivalent to last year.

**Motion: Action:** Approve the FY 2025 GLS Region V Work Program and give Derek Bradshaw authority to sign all contracts and agreements related to the Work Program.

**Moved by** Shawnice Dorsey, **Supported by** Jeffrey Kelley, to approve the FY 2025 GLS Region V Work Program and give Derek Bradshaw authority to sign all contracts and agreements related to the Work Program, including authority for staff to make minor edits requested by MDOT.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

(Documents on file with minutes)

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan**

Mr. Rosencrantz provided a presentation on the updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan created by the University of Michigan – Flint, for the Flint area. The development for the plan took place over several years and included a diverse group of stakeholders for input and development. This plan provides an economic development framework for the area. The plan informs and assists local units in Economic Development Strategy and provides support for Grant Applications for Economic Development funds. In addition, this provides increased eligibility for grant funds that were previously unavailable without a regional CEDS plan. The Flint region did not previously have a CEDS plan.

Discussion ensued.

#### **B. MAR Update**

Mr. Bradshaw stated the Michigan Associated of Regions' (MAR) primary focus area is the Materials Management Plans(MMP). The State of Michigan has communicated some timelines and subject material for the MMPs, but additional details are still required.

Discussion ensued.

#### **C. Regional Housing Partnership Update**

Mr. Garris stated that a steering committee and work groups for the Regional Housing partnership between GLS Region V and Communities First were created. The steering committee meets twice per quarter and the work groups once per quarter. Two quarterly reports have been submitted to date. Currently, multiple surveys are active to provide housing data, and a comprehensive spreadsheet is being developed to track new housing developments within the County.

#### **D. Spark Grant Technical Assistance Update**

Mr. Garris stated that staff has continued to provide technical assistance to first and second round Spark Grant recipients in the three-county region. Staff met with recipients to discuss project options, timeline planning and any future technical assistance needs. A representative from the Council of Michigan Foundation (CMF) reached out to staff in April to discuss the capacity for technical assistance, and informed that \$27.5 million will be made available to opportunity communities. Within GLS Region V, opportunity communities are the City of Flint, City of Mount Morris, and Imlay City.

### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristofor Garris, Planner  
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission